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Violence and government abuse

FBI Director Clarence Kelley has made an interesting observation about the lack of public outrage over recent bombings when previously decent Americans were outraged over Ku Klux Klan beatings, bombings, and killings.

The decent American conscience, while abhorring violence, feels in the frustrations of some, that their facts reflect the disregard of the fiduciary responsibility of those high in government to treat all citizens equally under the law, and cannot fault one without the other.

Decent Americans have seen the executive branch of our federal government, including the FBI and CIA, perform greater acts of violence outside of the law, than those to which Mr. Kelley refers.

Seattle Wayne A. Lawson

Bush defines goals of CIA

New York

"We want to make sure that sins of the past [committed by the CIA] are eliminated," says new CIA Director George Bush, "but we want to ensure that [U.S.] intelligence services can operate in secret."

Thus Mr. Bush, speaking Sunday on "Meet the Press" (NBC-TV), defined the goal of intelligence reforms unveiled by President Ford. Mr. Bush ruled out "lying to the American people" in future, but spoke of the difficulty

of telling the whole truth about "a covert operation."

The U.S., he said, should retain a "covert capability," as a flexible choice between "doing nothing" in a situation of "sending in the marines."

Recent publication of the secret Pike committee report, said Mr. Bush, had resulted in damage to U.S. interests, though he declined to specify, lest he magnify the damage by drawing attention to it.